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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, September 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	October 11, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Reinhold, President, Professional Member
Douglas Rambo, Vice President, Professional Member
William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member
Scott Blaier, Professional Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member
Maureene LaFate, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amos Aiken, Public Member

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Reinhold called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 9, 2013 meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Rules and Regulations (to add in-active status)

Ms. Singh stated that she had drafted an order for the Board to review regarding the in-active status. Ms. Singh stated that limiting the inactive status to only two years would limit the licensee's flexibility when in a situation where they needed extra time to care for a sick family member, etc.

Mr. Schenck suggested adding a regulation to state that an inactive geologist could not practice while on inactive status. Mr. Reinhold suggested removing the inactive status for one year or less supplying 12 CE hours since this would remove the loophole of going inactive instead of renewing a license without completing continuing education. The requirement would be to provide proof of 24 CE credits during the previous 24 months at the time of a reactivation request.

Ms. Ennis questioned if a fee was charged for inactive status. Ms. McAtee stated that the Division charged a \$35 fee to a licensee who wished to be placed on an inactive status and a reactivation fee once they submitted a request to become active.

Ms. Singh stated that she would redraft the inactive status regulation and the Board would review the new draft at their next meeting.

Re-Review of Audits

Jan Peter Ilves

Ms. McAtee stated that she had not heard from Jan Peter Ilves. She had emailed him requesting additional information but had not heard back. After review and discussion, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to refer Jan Peter Ilves audit to the hearing officer to schedule a hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Ned E. Wehler

After review and discussion of the audit of Ned Wehler, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the audit of Mr. Wehler. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Practice Under Supervision – none

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications – none

Review of Application for Reciprocity – none

Review of Applications for Examination

Ms. McAtee explained that there was a misprint on the Division's website in reference to the cut off dates for the ASBOG October 2013 examination. Ms. McAtee stated that she had corrected the issue and although the website had some incorrect dates, it did indicate the cut off for complete applications was August 23, 2013. Mr. Rambo had reviewed applications between meetings so that Ms. McAtee could issue exam authorizations to the applicants. Ms. McAtee issued exam authorizations for applications that were complete on August 23, 2013 and issued an amended order to ASBOG. Therefore, the Board would be ratifying some applications since they were reviewed between meetings.

Paul Angelillo

Mr. Rambo reviewed the application by examination for Paul Angelillo. Ms. McAtee stated that his application was not complete by the cutoff date of August 23, 2013 and if approved he could sit for the spring 2014 exam. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to approve the application for Paul Angelillo to sit for the FG and PG exams and approved his application for licensure contingent upon successful completion of the FG and PG exams. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Smagala (PG)

Mr. Rambo reviewed the application by examination for Robert Smagala. Ms. McAtee stated that Mr. Smagala had initially applied to take the FG exam only and then later had applied to take the PG as well. On August 23, 2013 his PG application was not complete and if approved he could sit for the PG exam in the spring of 2014. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to approve the application for Robert Smagala to sit for the PG exam and approved his application for licensure contingent upon successful completion of the FG and PG exams. The motion carried by majority with Mr. Schenck opposed.

Samuel Ogbugu (FG only)

Mr. Rambo reviewed the application by examination for Samuel Ogbugu; Mr. Rambo noted that Mr. Ogbugu was applying for the FG exam only. Mr. Ogbugu was also foreign educated but his transcripts were submitted through a foreign accreditation service and his credits met the licensure requirements. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the application for FG examination only for Samuel Ogbugu. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Application by Examination

Amber Joseph

Sean Fullmer

Elizabeth Miller (FG only)

Erik Guldbech (FG only)

Robert Smagala (FG only)

Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier, to ratify the applications of Amber Joseph and Sean Fullmer to sit for the FG and PG exams and receive licensure upon receiving passing scores on the FG and PG exams and to ratify the applications of Elizabeth Miller, Erik Guldbech, and Robert Smagala to sit for the FG exam only for the October 2013 testing date. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Deliberation and Vote on Hearing Officer Recommendations

Bruce Middleman

Ms. Singh summarized the hearing officer recommendation for Bruce Middleman. The Board confirmed that they had reviewed the hearing officer recommendation prior to the meeting. After deliberation, Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to amend the hearing officer recommendation of Bruce Middleman to allow Mr. Middleman 60 days to complete his continuing education and fine requirements, and if the requirements of his Order were not completed his license would be suspended thereafter without further notice and hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

ASBOG 2013 Annual Meeting – Knoxville, TN October 28th- November 2, 2013

Mr. Rambo and Mr. Reinhold had previously expressed interest in attending but after a review of their schedules cannot attend the upcoming annual meeting. Mr. Schenck stated that he would be attending the meeting and could be the voting member for the Board. Mr. Schenck questioned if the public members could attend. Ms. Ennis stated that she could not and Ms. LaFate stated that she would check her schedule.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Board should send the Division Director, James Collins a letter requesting the Division's help in sending out surveyors to conduct the task analysis survey (TAS). Mr. Reinhold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to draft a letter from the Board requesting the Division's assistance in the task analysis survey (TAS). The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

WALL CERTIFICATES

There were no wall certificates to sign at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Ennis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda McAtee – DE Board of Geologists
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.